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(Washington) - Below is a letter from Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) that was sent to every U.S. Senator today regarding today's vote on a Motion to Proceed on the Defense Reauthorization Bill (National Defense Authorization Act, S.3454) and inclusion of the DREAM Act (S. 729) immigration bill as an amendment.

The letter reads in part:

"I believe there are at least 218 votes in the House to pass the DREAM Act. President Obama and the Pentagon have voiced their strong support for including the DREAM Act within the National Defense Authorization Act. An affirmative vote in the Senate would bring these exceptional young people one step closer toward fulfilling their dreams. The only thing standing in the way of giving these kids a fighting chance in adulthood is an affirmative vote in the Senate on the DREAM Act. We have already begun to hear the excuses from those who would wish our immigration, high school drop-out and military recruitment challenges away, rather than lead our nation to solve the problems we were sent to Washington to solve. We have heard the cynical political talk of naysayers--who selfishly benefit from inaction--so often we could script it ourselves. The only way our country, our military and our economy will benefit from all these students have to offer is if you vote to support them."

 [Letter from Rep. Luis Gutierrez to Senators Regarding DREAM Act](#)